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MANAGEMENT OF SPARE COMPONENTS FOR NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE

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RESPONSE AMENDMENT

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 24, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the event that an extension of time is required for this response to be considered timely, and a petition therefor does not otherwise accompany this response, any necessary extension of time is hereby petitioned for.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due, including extension of time and excess claim fees, to counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/LCNT/**125761**.